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Hongkong, 18th January, 1889.

**The Hongkong Telegraph**

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1889.

CARLYLE wrote the following scathing remarks as introductory to his Essay on that consummate knave who flourished during the latter end of the last century—

COUNT CAGLIOSTRO:—

"Wretched mortal, who with a single eye to be respectable, forever sits cowering together two Inconspicuous, which stick not for an hour, but require ever new gluten and labour,—will it, by no length of experience, no bounty of time or chance, be revealed to thee that Truth is of Heaven, and Falsehood is of Hell; that if thou art not from these one, or the other, thy existence is wholly an illusion and optical and tactual Phantasm; that properly thou existest not at all!"

We think it hardly necessary to add that of individuals of that ilk, Hongkong has lately had a considerable experience. The present year seems to have opened with a succession of out-going and in-coming *chevaliers d'industrie* of peculiarly original types, all hailing from that land of "tactical Phantasm" to which Carlyle traced the birth of CAGLIOSTRO. While the honest and the industrious majority are toiling at their desks, or are otherwise acting in unison with the ever-working mother Nature, for the due fulfilment of their moral, social and domestic duties, a foxy minority are often engaged in the work of undermining nature's and man's laws by palming themselves off on a credulous community as so many superior men possessing means and resources beyond the popular imagination. The Colony has had a vast and a sad experience of these impostors. They make their appearance comet-like, unexpected and unlooked-for; they shine and coruscate for a while, just as long as the supply of shekels from a gullible public, aided by the dangerous elasticity of the "chit" system will allow; they shed a transient lustre on the hotel bars; "up the street" becomes alive with their revelry; store-keepers bow to them subserviently; the gates of the credit system are opened to these noblemen under a cloud; when of a sudden the comet either vanishes as suddenly as he first shed his radiance on the island, or, worse still, he becomes a fallen star, and gets cooled down amongst the great unwashed in the solitude of Victoria Gaol, a very common aerolite, indeed, composed of the basest metal. The hotels, the ever-ready stores and the few accommodating friends,—the boon companions of the reckless and the cheating adventurers—then open their eyes wide, and find that they have been awindled, duped, "sold."

Is there no possibility of remedying this deplorable state of things? That

rogue exists everywhere is no reason why it should not be crusaded against, or why measures should not be taken for its ultimate extinction. The rogue, the knave, the impostor, those whom the French so appropriately term *chevaliers d'industrie*, are the sworn enemies of all social order and morality; they are too lazy to earn a livelihood by honest labour and so they take to swindling, running full tilt against all social laws. As all work is in communication with Nature, so he who aims at living on fraud and deception is *ipso facto* Nature's enemy—a pariah and outcast unworthy of a place among men who are striving to make the world better than what they found it. It is the duty of the Government to provide the most effective measures possible for the detection and punishment of these poisonous parasites of society. Trade, labour, capital, honesty and social order are jeopardized by their presence. As this Colony appears to be fast becoming a convenient refuge for impudent vagabonds and unscrupulous adventurers of almost every description, whose rogueries are so materially assisted by the "chit" system generally prevailing, we would again recommend the store-keepers, hotel proprietors and others to combine for their own protection and establish a fixed rule as to giving credit that will render innocuous all future attempts at swindling by *soi-disant* Russian counts and Yankee Millionaires.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter.)

## UNITED STATES.

LONDON, March, 4th.

Mr. Windom has been appointed Secretary to the Treasury, the rest of the Cabinet are unknown men.

## THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Morley's amendment to the Address has been rejected.

## THE FARNELL COMMISSION.

Pigott has committed suicide.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The American mail was delivered as we were going to press.

MESSRS. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. inform us that the steamship *Taiyang*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port today.

A REGULAR meeting of Zealand Lodge No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

A COOLIE stole an umbrella from the "all in this box" lot in front of Messrs. Hall and Holz premises yesterday, but by the prompt action of Miss Hardwick he was arrested. This morning it was "two months."

THERE will be a regular meeting of St. John Lodge No. 618, S.C., in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE *Nichi Nichi Shimbun* says that the number of persons of both sexes in Kyoto over the age of 80 years is 1,551, of whom Mrs. Hisano (former mother of Mr. Sasaki Ryukai, chief priest of the Kotokuji Temple at Teramacho, Kyoto) has attained the age of 100 years.

THE first application under the new English Libel Law Amendment Act was decided on the 25th January by Mr. Justice Mathew. Messrs. John Brothers, boot manufacturers, moved for leave to criminally prosecute Mr. J. T. Day, the editor of the *Straits and Leather Record*, for alleged libel. Under the old law, criminal proceedings could be sanctioned by the Public Prosecutor on an *ex parte* statement made by the plaintiff. In the present case the Judge, after hearing the arguments, refused leave to commence a prosecution.

A MEETING in connection with the Public Schools Athletic Sports was held at the Central School yesterday evening. There were present—Messrs. A. J. May (chairman), G. H. Bateson Wright, R. M. Jameson, Government Central School; W. Macchell, L. Lupinell, Diocesan School; C. J. Bateman, G. E. Wheeler, Public School; and W. D. Braidwood, Victoria School. Messrs. Jameson and Braidwood were unanimously elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. It was agreed to hold the Sports for all the schools on the same day and to leave all details to a general committee convened by the Secretary. Heartily thanks to Mr. May for his exertions in placing the Sports once more on a sound footing, closed the meeting.

UPPER Wyndham Street is at best one of the most awkward streets in the Colony in the matter of sidewalks, and as it is one of the most traversed the question of obstruction has often been raised. One while, we recollect, even the suspension of chairs under the verandahs was visited by a fine, and to leave a sidewalk across the footpath was met by the shock of boiling oil. But Mr. Pollock is changing all that. Professor Cattaneo was cited before this morning for leaving his ricksha at a point where the caseway was something under four feet wide. He met the charge pretty high-handedly—produced a plan to show that he had a perfect right to obstruct the footpath to more than the fullest extent, and actually got off. Mr. Pollock, who had signed the summons with unaccountable reluctance, observing as he dismissed the case that he didn't see why people should want to walk on the footpath—*Mr. never did*. Well, we will take the liberty of pointing out to Mr. Pollock that he is not paid to wonder why people prefer the footpath, but to administer the law. If he had taken the trouble to properly investigate the case he would have found that no house in Upper Wyndham Street has a private footpath for rickshas, that the vehicle in this case was a glaring obstruction, and that neither Professor Cattaneo or anyone else has a right to blockade his front to the annoyance of pedestrians.

A GANG of garotters seized a Jervoise Street merchant about 7.30 on Monday night, when walking along the Praya near the Canton Wharf, and actually stripped him of most of his clothes. Only one was caught, and he was this morning committed for trial. If the inspectors on patrol would carry a red-hot poker they might occasionally poke one of those star-gazing monuments of stupidity, the *lunks*, into temporary activity.

THE following are the orders of the day for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held tomorrow, the 7th inst., at 4 p.m.:

1. Financial Minutes.
2. Report of the Finance Committee.
3. First reading of a Bill for the Incorporation of the Director, in Hongkong, of the Berlin Ladies' Mission for China.
4. First reading of a Bill entitled The Prison Amendment Ordinance, 1889.
5. Second reading of the Bill entitled The Stone Cutters' Island Ordinance, 1889.
6. Sanitary By-Laws, dated 13th February, 1889.

THE following curious story comes from Osaka:—A physician named Yakura, who lives at Sumiyoshi-mura, Osaka, was visiting the temple at that place a few days ago when he observed something shining on the ground. On stooping to ascertain what it was, he discovered it to be a gold link in length half an inch, and in the middle of the link, which was held in the fingers of a dead man, were inscribed the words "Yakura" and "Osaka." This commenced with an ancient genealogical table, and ended with particulars of a medicine described as effectual in curing the different ailments of women. Mr. Yakura has lately prepared the medicine in accordance with this strangely recovered recipe, and in every instance experience has proved that its virtues were not over-estimated.

WITH the advent of Spring the season for our athletic sports has fairly commenced. The popular exhibitions are already advertised to take place during the current month, the Polo Club Races on the 9th, the Annual Highland Games of the 1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders on the 13th, and the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Sports on the 16th; the Rifle Association re-commenced its weekly spoon competitions at the Kowloon ranges on Saturday last. During the latter portion of this month as well as throughout April a dozen more athletic meetings will probably be held, the season closing at the beginning of May. We have always been staunch supporters of many exercises and sports of all kinds, but we fail to see the appropriateness of the being held in the excessively damp and comparatively warm weather which prevails here during Spring. Running in a fog, or over wet ground, or with the east wind blowing straight in your teeth, cannot be conducive to health, whilst violent exercises performed in a warm atmosphere are certainly productive of chills. To this may be added the undesirable circumstance that the Race Course meadow, where the sports are to be held in future is a locality noted for its malaria in the warm months of the year; many a case of fever has already been traced to that place, a fact which detracts considerably from its reputed healthiness. Under these circumstances we think that both the time and the place chosen for our yearly Olympic games are inappropriate. No better season could be chosen for athletic sports than the dry, cool month of November. Of the four seasons of the year, our Autumn and early Winter are *facile principes* as seasons for outdoor amusements and exercises of the athletic sort. We do not exactly know what has led the promoters of these sports to hold them in the Race-course meadow, in the immediate vicinity of the Cemetery, and in a place possessing an unsavoury reputation. Is there no other ground available for such purposes outside the Cricket field? Kowloon appears to us to be the place where all the sports can be conveniently held. Ample ground is to be found there for all athletic or gymnastic purposes. A chariot race on a grand scale might also be introduced into the programme of amusements, and sports could not be wanting in the neighbourhood. It would give full scope to such a healthy game. We already have rifle ranges and fowling grounds in Kowloon; why not transfer thither our athletic sports? We also think that besides the annual sports, room should be found in Kowloon for a permanent Gymnasium especially adapted to the scholastic population of the colony. Our school boys appear to us to be improperly organized institutions, where they can get exercise, fresh air and recreation. The Cricket Ground is closed to them; the only amusement they really have is a plunge bath in the summer months in the enclosure of the Victoria Recreation Club. Why should they resort to Kowloon and have their cricket, football and other sports there? The *mens sana in corpore sano* doctrine can only be profitably carried out when ample facilities are given for its application.

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A COOLIE STOLE AN UMBRELLA FROM THE "ALL IN THIS BOX" LOT IN FRONT OF MESSRS. HALL AND HOLZ PREMISES YESTERDAY, BUT BY THE PROMPT ACTION OF MISS HARDWICK HE WAS ARRESTED. THIS MORNING IT WAS "TWO MONTHS."

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THE NICHU NICHU SHIMBUN SAYS THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS OF BOTH SEXES IN KYOTO OVER THE AGE OF 80 YEARS IS 1,551, OF WHOM MRS. HISANO (FORMER MOTHER OF MR. SASAKI RYUKAI, CHIEF PRIEST OF THE KOTOKUJI TEMPLE AT TERAMACHO, KYOTO) HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 100 YEARS.

THE FIRST APPLICATION UNDER THE NEW ENGLISH LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT ACT WAS DECIDED ON THE 25TH JANUARY BY MR. JUSTICE MATHEW. MESSRS. JOHN BROTHERS, BOOT MANUFACTURERS, MOVED FOR LEAVE TO CRIMINALLY PROSECUTE MR. J. T. DAY, THE EDITOR OF THE STRAITS AND LEATHER RECORD, FOR ALLEGED LIBEL. UNDER THE OLD LAW, CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS COULD BE SANCTIONED BY THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR ON AN EX PARTE STATEMENT MADE BY THE PLAINTIFF. IN THE PRESENT CASE THE JUDGE, AFTER HEARING THE ARGUMENTS, REFUSED LEAVE TO COMMENCE A PROSECUTION.

A MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETIC SPORTS WAS HELD AT THE CENTRAL SCHOOL YESTERDAY EVENING. THERE WERE PRESENT—MESSRS. A. J. MAY (CHAIRMAN), G. H. BATESON WRIGHT, R. M. JAMESON, GOVERNMENT CENTRAL SCHOOL; W. MACCHELL, L. LUPINELL, DIOCESAN SCHOOL; C. J. BATEMAN, G. E. WHEELER, PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND W. D. BRAIDWOOD, VICTORIA SCHOOL. MESSRS. JAMESON AND BRAIDWOOD WERE UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED AS SECRETARY AND TREASURER RESPECTIVELY. IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD THE SPORTS FOR ALL THE SCHOOLS ON THE SAME DAY AND TO LEAVE ALL DETAILS TO A GENERAL COMMITTEE CONVENED BY THE SECRETARY. HEARTILY THANKS TO MR. MAY FOR HIS EXERTIONS IN PLACING THE SPORTS ONCE MORE ON A SOUND FOOTING, CLOSED THE MEETING.

UPPER WYNDHAM STREET IS AT BEST ONE OF THE MOST AWKWARD STREETS IN THE COLONY IN THE MATTER OF SIDEWALKS, AND AS IT IS ONE OF THE MOST TRAVERSED THE QUESTION OF OBSTRUCTION HAS OFTEN BEEN RAISED. ONE WHILE, WE RECOLLECT, EVEN THE SUSPENSION OF CHAIRS UNDER THE VERANDAHS WAS VISITED BY A FINE, AND TO LEAVE A SIDEWALK ACROSS THE FOOTPATH WAS MET BY THE SHOCK OF BOILING OIL. BUT MR. POLLOCK IS CHANGING ALL THAT. PROFESSOR CATTANEO WAS CITED BEFORE THIS MORNING FOR LEAVING HIS RICKSHA AT A POINT WHERE THE CASEWAY WAS SOMETHING UNDER FOUR FEET WIDE. HE MET THE CHARGE PRETTY HIGH-HANDEDLY—PRODUCED A PLAN TO SHOW THAT HE HAD A PERFECT RIGHT TO OBSTRUCT THE FOOTPATH TO MORE THAN THE FULLEST EXTENT, AND ACTUALLY GOT OFF. MR. POLLOCK, WHO HAD SIGNED THE SUMMONS WITH UNACCOUNTABLE RELUCTANCE, OBSERVING AS HE DISMISSED THE CASE THAT HE DIDN'T SEE WHY PEOPLE SHOULD WANT TO WALK ON THE FOOTPATH—MR. NEVER DID. WELL, WE WILL TAKE THE LIBERTY OF POINTING OUT TO MR. POLLOCK THAT HE IS NOT PAID TO WONDER WHY PEOPLE PREFER THE FOOTPATH, BUT TO ADMINISTER THE LAW. IF HE HAD TAKEN THE TROUBLE TO PROPERLY INVESTIGATE THE CASE HE WOULD HAVE FOUND THAT NO HOUSE IN UPPER WYNDHAM STREET HAS A PRIVATE FOOTPATH FOR RICKSHAS, THAT THE VEHICLE IN THIS CASE WAS A GLARING OBSTRUCTION, AND THAT NEITHER PROFESSOR CATTANEO OR ANYONE ELSE HAS A RIGHT TO BLOCKADE HIS FRONT TO THE ANNOYANCE OF PEDESTRIANS.

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feeling of dissatisfaction existing among all the shipping class as to the internal working arrangements of the various godowns, and, if they were aware what steps they had taken to remedy the falling? The Company's business seemed to be divided into two great sections—landing and storing business, and it was to the latter that he referred. He knew that they desired to extend the business in various directions, but before they undertook to destroy other concerns in the Colony they should be prepared to suspend them efficiently. If they were to believe the rumours or conversation frequently heard in the Colony, the internal arrangements in the Godown must be inefficient. He might say so—beneath criticism or contempt. It was said that when a vessel went alongside the wharves the Company was unable to grant a receipt for the cargo until a week or a fortnight after she had gone, which showed a defective system of tallying; if a merchant wanted fifty bales of cotton he had to go three or four times, which showed a defective system of sorting; if the Company furnished a list of over-carrying or over-loading nineteen out of every twenty marks would be incorrect, which showed a defective system of tallying. He saw present a number of influential merchants and if they consulted their shipping clerks he assured them they would find what he had said to be correct. He had ventured to bring that forward in no hostile spirit to the Company, as he believed it would become one of the finest properties in the Far East, but as it was his opinion so he gave it to them (Hear hear).

The Chairman—I am much obliged to you for bringing the matter before us, but at the same time I cannot agree with all you have said. Mr. Woolley did not desire to enter into a discussion, but assured him that he could substantiate all he had said.

Mr. Woolley respectfully to state that he made those remarks in his capacity as a small shareholder, and not as the representative of the P. and O. Company.

The Chairman—Yes, but what you state is no doubt connected with the Company, as you are hardly likely to be cognisant of what takes place in regard to other Companies.

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The Chairman—Doubtless there are shortcomings at the wharves, for we are yet but a young company. These will be remedied in time, however, and I can assure you that both directors and wharf-managers will be only too pleased to listen to complaints from constituents and do what they can to satisfy them.

Mr. Woolley—Thank you.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report.

Mr.







